Long-term Measures:

(a) Promoting private sector investment in power sector.

(b) Higher emphasis on exploitation of hydro potential with an aim to reduce peak shortage.

(c) Transport of coal by ships for coastal power station and use of self-unloading ships.

(d) Coal benefication plants for new coal mines.

(e) Strengthening of Transmission and Distribution System for reducing losses and improving reliability.

(f) Energy Conservation and cogeneration.

Kayamkulam Thermal Power Project

324. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given clearance to the Kayamkulam Thermal Power Project in Kerala;

(b) if so, the mode of funding for the project; and

(c) what would be power distribution formulate among the various Southern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The Public Investment Board has cleared the Kayamkulam Thermal Power Project on 12th January, 1995 and final clearance is expected shortly.

(b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) proposes to finance the project from its internal resources, market and external commercial borrowings. Simultaneously, the project has been posed to the World Bank for part-financing under the time-slice loan.

(c) Under the Power Purchase Agreement signed between NTPC and Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB), full allocation of power from the project is proposed to be made to KSEB.

Power Generation

325. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of increase in power production during the current year in comparison to that of last year;

(b) to what extent, the requirement of power in the country will be fulfilled by increase in production; and

(c) the steps being taken to bridge the gap betwen the demand and supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Details of energy generation during April, 1994—January, 1995 as compared to April, 1993—January, 1994 is given in table below:—

Energy Generation (Million Units)

Type of Generation	April 1994-January, 1995	April, 1993-January, 1994	% increase/decrease
Thermal . . .	213903	201751	(+)6.0
N clear . . .	4527	4705	(−)3.8
Hydro	70746	60151	(+)17.6
TOTAL: . . .	289176	266607	(+)8.5